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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
**KOJI SATO**  
 Serial No: 09/489,700  
 Filed: January 24, 2000  
 For: GUIDE RAILS FOR CONVEYING  
 BAND-FORM MEMBERS

Art Unit: 3653

Examiner: M. Mansen

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on January 24, 2000. A *Sua Sponte* Recission of Notice of Abandonment (copy enclosed) was mailed August 31, 2006 by the U.S. Patent Office indicating that the Notice of Abandonment was withdrawn and the Notice of Allowance will be remailed. However, to date, Applicant has not yet received the Notice of Allowance.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and that the Patent Office remail the Notice of Allowance as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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A review of the application reveals that a Change of Address was filed with an amendment on October 31, 2001. In response to the amendment, a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability were mailed on November 9, 2001, which set a three-month period within which to pay the issue fee. Since the issue fee was not received, the application was held abandoned in the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 26, 2002.

Since the Change of Address of October 31, 2001 was not processed, the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed November 9, 2001 were not mailed to the proper address. Therefore, the holding of abandonment was in error and is hereby withdrawn.

It is further noted that another Change of Address was filed on June 13, 2005.

The application will be forwarded the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner to update the file to reflect the current address requested in the paper filed June 13, 2005 and to re-mail the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability.

Inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Special Programs Examiner Kenneth J. Dorner at (571) 272-6587.

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